

(a) whether loans had been granted during the last few years to major steel producing Industrial Houses from the Steel Development Fund;

(b) if so, the details of outstanding loan, by the end of March, 1996;

(c) whether the Government has fixed a time-limit for the repayment of loan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount of grants released and loans granted by the Government during the last three years from Steel Development Fund, for the purpose of research and development of Steel?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) During the last few years loans have been granted from Steel Development Fund to the Steel Authority of India Limited, Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited and Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited.

(b) The details of loan outstanding, as on 31st March, 1996, are as under:

Steel Producers	Loan Outstanding (Rs. in Crores)
SAIL	4675.51
TISCO	884.29
IISCO	44.68
Total	5604.48

(c) & (d). As per the decision of the Steel Development Fund Managing Committee, repayment of loan has to be completed within 12 years from the date of release/disbursement of loan.

(e) A grant of Rs. 50 lakhs has been released during the last three years for Research and Development in the steel sector.

[English]

#### **Satellite Channels for Primary Standard**

\* 396. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some satellite channels are being utilized to telecast lessons of primary school standard for villagers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such programmes telecast during each of the last three years; and

(c) the languages in which these programmes are telecast and the States being benefited by these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c). Though there is no exclusive telecast of primary school standard lessons for villagers from satellite channels of Doordarshan, Educational programmes produced by Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) and State Institutes of Educational Technology, which are mainly enrichment programmes for children of age groups of 5 to 11 years and 9 to 11 years, are being telecast through different regional language services of Doordarshan terrestrially as given below:

Programme	Language	Region Covered
CIET (Delhi)	Hindi	UP, HP, Bihar, MP, Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
SIETs		
(i) Ahmedabad	Gujarati	Gujarat
(ii) Bhubaneshwar	Oriya	Orissa
(iii) Hyderabad	Telegu	Andhra Pradesh
(iv) Pune	Marathi	Maharashtra

[Translation]

#### **Telephone Facilities to Block Development Headquarters**

\*397. SHRI MAHENDRA KARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government for linking block headquarters with telephone facility;

(b) the time since when the above policy is in force;

(c) the number of block headquarters which have not been provided with telephone facility so far, in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise; and

(d) the time by which the above headquarters are likely to be provided telephone facility?